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Statement by Council President Tom Perez on Federal Report on Reimportation of Prescription Drugs from Canada

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"Today's report is proof positive of the 'can't do' attitude of the Bush Administration and the Republican leadership on Capitol Hill when it comes to addressing the number one consumer issue in America today – the high cost of prescription drugs.

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"While a 'can-do' Montgomery County moves ahead on our initiative to allow County employees and retirees to buy high-quality prescription maintenance drugs from Canada – saving taxpayers millions – the President and his appointees continue to toe the line drawn for them by the pharmaceutical industry.

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"This report is one big nothing-burger – just another holiday gift to the drug companies and zilch for American families looking for relief from expensive prescription drugs.

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"The president and the pharmaceutical industry are out of step and out of touch. Despite their jeremiads against the safety of Canadian drugs, they still can't produce even a sliver of evidence that any Canadians – or any of the millions of Americans who now buy drugs there – have been harmed in any way.

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"Fortunately, Montgomery County, and other states and cities, are stepping up to the plate in a bipartisan way to show the leadership on this issue that is so utterly lacking in Washington."

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